



WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC. 23, 1908.

ECCENTRIC biography is an interesting study, as it portrays many phases of life hard to be understood. Men and women, possessed of large fortunes, have at times appeared who have denied themselves every comfort of life and existed on their bare necessities, while they have spent money for luxuries for dogs and cats. A story comes from Taunton, Mass., which is another illustration of the oddities of nature. Mary Cryan, aged 32, started herself in the attic of a house she owned. She willed \$3,500 to church and charity. Miss Cryan rented her house for \$20 a month, had \$1,000 in the savings banks and after death \$100 in bills was found under her pillow. She regarded fire and light as luxuries and no glimmer save that from the street lights entered her room at night. By day she wandered among dumps picking up odds and ends. She was a high school graduate and until recently attended night school, where tuition is free. She formerly was something of a belle, but this ended when her crazy for money set in.

As a punishment for assault and robbery on the street in Washington, of which crime a large number of white women have within the past year or so been victims at the hands of negroes, Maj. Sylvester, superintendent of police of this city, suggests the whipping post. That old-time "moral persuader," the major believes, would be held in fear by the lawless element he has to contend with. The whipping post, the major says, should be the punishment for wife beating as well as robbery on the street. His opinion, he says, was shared by Judge Kimball, of the police court. M. J. Sylvester and Judge Kimball are in positions to know whereof they speak and if their advice were carried out Washington would soon be made a better city.

THE Supreme Court of Illinois has upheld the new cocaine law of that state and dealt a hard blow to patent medicines containing the drug. The case at issue was a fine of \$500 imposed upon two Chicago druggists, who were convicted of having sold a starch powder containing cocaine. The druggists contended that the powder was sold by a clerk, but the Supreme Court held the owners responsible. The law provides that cocaine shall not be sold in any form except on physicians' prescriptions and it might, with propriety, place some restriction even upon these.

ANNOUNCEMENT has been made at Pittsburgh that two finishing mills, five blast furnaces and twelve open-hearth furnaces are soon to be added to the steel corporation's plants at Homestead and Duquesne, at an outlay of \$2,000,000. This will make some people believe that there will be no reduction in the tariff on steel.

CONGRESS may be asked to amend the child labor law so that it will prohibit children under the age of 16 years being on the streets after 8:30 o'clock at night in the District of Columbia. Washington is the only city in which such a law should be enforced.

Mrs. EMMA JACKSON, after testifying in the night-riding case in Union City, Tennessee, yesterday, said she would not leave court without armed protection. This is a travesty on government and citizenship.

THE House committee on ways and means having concluded the hearings the republican members of the committee yesterday began secret sessions to frame the new tariff bill.

From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, Dec. 22.—President Roosevelt and their family are preparing to celebrate a quiet Xmas at the White House. It will, in all probability, be the last time Santa Claus will find the Roosevelt family hanging in front of the fireplace and will be the seventh time he has filled them there. The entire family, including Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, will be at the White House on Christmas day, and as usual, the members will exchange gifts during the morning. In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Roosevelt will probably go for a horseback ride in the suburbs. President and Mrs. Roosevelt may spend a day or two at Pine Knot, Mrs. Roosevelt's cottage in Virginia, before New Year's, although no definite day has been set for the outing.

The State Department admitted officially today that the battleship Maine, the North Carolina, and other war vessels were en route to Venezuelan waters. The sending of the ships was purely for the purpose of having suitable force there during the present crisis, and partly at the request of acting President Gomez of Venezuela. Gomez, through the Brazilian representative at Caracas, had expressed a desire to settle all outstanding claims of the United States and asked for the presence of an American warship at La Guayra. In accordance with this desire, the State Department has sent William L. Buchanan on board the North Carolina to take up negotia-

tions with the new Venezuelan government. The North Carolina left Hampton Roads Monday.

"I still feel a little weak, and my wife is nervous about me. But I am going back to finish the Cough case even if they kill me. What's the difference whether one passes beyond, at the age of forty-nine, or sixty-nine?" Thus spoke Francis J. Heney today. The famous graft prosecutor of San Francisco, who was shot down in court during the trial of Abe Ruef, on the thirteenth of last month by Morris Hays, who afterwards killed himself in the county jail, is spending a brief vacation in the east. Heney and his wife arrived last night from Chicago, and a special messenger from the White House conveyed an invitation to them to call on the president at 11 o'clock. Although Heney disclaimed that he came to Washington to talk with the president on any public subject it is understood that he will give the president some data on the secret service in running down criminals so that they may be incorporated in this special message to the House in answer to the resolution demanding that the president show reason why he referred to members of congress in his recommendations on the secret service in his recent annual message.

It was admitted at the White House today that President Roosevelt was partly responsible for the bribery charges which have convulsed Pittsburgh officials. Charges reached the president a few days ago of alleged improper action on the part of a national bank.

A reliable dispatch received at the State Department today, from Venezuela, confirms the report of the overthrow of Castro's adherents, and establishment of a new government friendly to the United States and other foreign powers.

President Roosevelt's reply to the House inquiry relative to the secret service controversy will be made by both houses of Congress. This definite conclusion has been reached. It is not clear that the exact form of the reply will take place. There is a possibility that the incident which has produced so much of sensational disclosure may be greatly modified by the president's treatment of it.

Castro Deposed.

The Hague, Dec. 23.—The Dutch ships now patrolling the coast of Venezuela have been given orders to suspend operations in order to give acting President Gomez an opportunity of showing whether he is desirous of peace, according to an unofficial statement today by a member of the Dutch Foreign Office.

The Dutch has a wholesome respect for Castro's fighting propensities, and they would welcome the establishment of a protectorate by the United States to prevent a civil war. Holland is openly expressing the wish that the United States would establish such a protectorate, which, it is believed, would please every European power except Germany, the latter having South American ambition of her own that the move might check.

Brito, Dec. 23.—President Castro will return to Venezuela as quickly as possible to personally lead a movement to regain the presidency. Choking with rage at the details of the demonstration against him were recounted to him today, Castro declared he would fall at once. "The nation will arise and renege its friend and protector," Castro said. "The new rulers belong to a clique who are desirous of enriching themselves at the public expense. I am sure the people will rally to me. I have always guarded their interests and prevented adventures from plunging."

The proclamation of the overthrow of the exiled president was cabled to Castro today. It was signed by eighty of the most prominent residents of Venezuela and read as follows: "Your rule is terminated and your power destroyed. Venezuela, sullied by your systematic tyranny, resolved to inaugurate a new era. Your property has been confiscated. If you attempt to land again in Venezuela you will be arrested and indicted for embezzlement of the public money."

Castro accuses the United States of intriguing to bring about his overthrow. The Hague, Dec. 23.—Official confirmation of the report that Holland had ordered a suspension of the naval demonstration against Venezuela was given out by the foreign office this afternoon.

Burham Commits Suicide?

New York, Dec. 23.—Frederick A. Burham, former president of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company, under indictment for connection with the recent insurance scandals, was found dead early today by his wife in their room at No. 66 east 78th street, with the gas pouring from an open burner. The police believe Burham committed suicide.

Receivers for the company of which he was the president recently brought suit against Burham to recover several hundred thousand dollars. This culmination of his troubles is believed by the police to have led Burham to take his life.

Burham was indicted about two years ago, shortly after resigning from the presidency of the Mutual Reserve Company. Five indictments are still pending against him, three for forgery in the third degree and two for grand larceny in the first degree. George Burham, his brother and counsel for the company, and Geo. D. Eldridge were included in the blanket indictment.

Members of Burham's family declare his death to have been accidental. Mrs. Burham said he had no reason for committing suicide. She said she was aroused by the smell of gas about five o'clock and found her husband's room filled with the suffocating fumes.

To Get Control of Her Children.

Paris, Dec. 23.—A decision in favor of Princess De Fagan, who is resisting the efforts of Count Eni De Castellane, her former husband, to gain the custody of her children, was indicated today in the address to the court of Paul Mitter, substitute for the public prosecutor, who expressed the government's view of the case.

Standard Oil Company Ousted.

Jackson City, Mo., Dec. 23.—The Supreme Court of Missouri handed down a decision today ousting the Standard Oil Company of Indiana and the Republic Oil Company from the state and forbidding that they ever again do business in Missouri and dissolving the Warren-Pierce Oil Company of St. Louis. In addition, each of the three companies is fined \$50,000.

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News of the Day.

The Waters-Pierce Oil Company will obey the order of the Missouri Supreme Court and separate from the Standard Oil trust continuing its business individually.

President Roosevelt is expected to take the position that he meant no direct insult to Congress, in his recent message, but probably will send in a mass of evidence gathered by the secret service.

What is pronounced to be a sweeping swindle has been unearthed in Baltimore, in which wholesale dry goods merchants there and in other large cities have been victimized. Baltimore dealers are said to have lost \$26,000.

Several oyster fleet at Port Norris, N. J., have been sunk by the heavy storm of the past 24 hours and a number of lives are reported lost. South New Jersey is covered with a 20-inch snow fall and all the trolley lines are blocked.

The safe of the postoffice at Bridgeport, opposite Norristown, Pa., was blown early today with nitro-glycerine. The safe was demolished and all the windows in the building blown out. Stamps and registered parcels, value unknown, are missing.

A dispatch from Copenhagen says Denmark is aroused today by the act of vandals who last night broke into the Roskilde Cathedral, opened the tombs of several Danish houses and escaped with thousands of dollars' worth of gold and silver, funeral wreaths and a lot of other valuables.

Secretary Root and the minister of Argentina signed a treaty of arbitration today, similar to those arranged between the United States and other countries. Secretary Root also exchanged gratification with the minister of Switzerland on the treaty of arbitration with that country.

President-elect Taft has decided to visit Texas sometime after his inauguration. He has many invitations and is anxious to get into close touch with the people of the south to induce them to take a more active part in national affairs. He will go to Atlanta and New Orleans on the completion of his trip to Panama.

Virginia News.

Edward H. Jones, owner of a 600-acre orchard in Frederick county, died at his home, at Opequon, aged 86 years. He was unmarried.

C. B. Thornton, one of the oldest citizens of Caroline county, died Monday night at his home at Port Royal. He was 84 years old, and is survived by three sons and one daughter.

Mrs. Nathaniel House died suddenly on Monday in her home near Greenwell, Prince William county. Mrs. House was a daughter of the late John Reid, one of the best known men in that county.

Garley Rutter, indicted for the murder of Strother Campbell, was acquitted in the Loudoun circuit court, yesterday, after a trial lasting four days. Rutter's defense was that the shooting was done by one of the witnesses, Milton Lee, who since left the county.

Judge Charles F. Goodwyn, 75 years old, of Nottingham, died Monday night. Surrounding him at the time of his death were his entire family and many of the wedding guests who had gathered to be present at the marriage of his daughter, Miss Indie Goodwyn, to Asa Sparrow Wood, the event being scheduled for yesterday.

Prof. William A. Bowles, superintendent of the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind in Staunton, fell eight or 10 feet yesterday while inspecting the new Swanson building, which is now being erected on the institution ground, and fractured his hip. He was otherwise bruised and injured and will be confined for possibly two weeks.

Capt. William H. Goldsmith died yesterday evening in the Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg of injuries sustained Monday evening in attempting to board a moving train on the Potomac, Fredericksburg and Piedmont Railroad. Captain Goldsmith came from Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1876 and had been road master of the road on which he received his injuries.

Dr. Robert William Nelson, of Charlottesville, died yesterday, aged 86. Dr. Nelson was the ninth child of Hor. Hugh Nelson, of B. H. Albemarle county, and a grandson of Gov. Thomas Nelson, of Yorktown. His father was speaker of the House of Delegates, judge of the federal court, and minister to Spain by the appointment of Monroe.

Miss Rebecca Dulany, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hunter Dulany, was married yesterday to Mr. Frederick McElhiney, of Washington. The wedding was performed at Gratton Hall, the Dulany estate near Upperville, with all the gaiety of a Virginia Christmas wedding, many guests being present from Baltimore, Washington and elsewhere. Miss Terry Dulany, sister of the bride, was maid of honor.

The Washington and Chattanooga limited, the fastest train handled by the Norfolk and Western Railway, narrowly escaped being wrecked near Wytheville Monday night. A switch light had been extinguished and a switch opened. Three nights last week attempts were made to wreck this train. Detectives have been at work trying to locate the would-be wreckers. The engineer on the train, Monday night, observing there was no light at the switch, brought his train to a stop just in time to save it.

Disastrous Fire in Brooklyn.

New York, Dec. 23.—Fire early today destroyed an entire block of apartment houses and private dwellings in Brooklyn, driving more than a thousand persons into the snow-covered streets homeless and half clad. Hampered by the blizzard storm, the army of firemen fought the flames for hours. The blaze finally was put under control after daylight, which revealed smoking ruins of about thirty buildings. More than twenty persons were overcome by the smoke, but no fatalities or injuries are recorded. Only the heroic work of the crew of fire boats saved the Bush docks from destruction. It was the most disastrous fire seen in Brooklyn in many years.

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The Market.
Georgetown, D. C., Dec. 23.—Wheat 27-104

Today's Telegraphic News

Labor Leaders Sentenced.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—After one of the most severe exorcisations ever had from the bench, Justice Daniel T. Wright, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, today sentenced Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, to one year in jail for contempt of court in violating the injunction issued by the Bucks Store and Kuge Company, of St. Louis, from Justice Gould of the same court.

With Gompers, were also sentenced John Mitchell, who was vice president of the federation at the time of the alleged disobedience of the injunction, and Frank Morrison, secretary. Mitchell's punishment is nine months, and Morrison's six months. All three of the respondents were in court when the lengthy opinion of Justice Wright was read. It contained about 30,000 words and was not only a personal arraignment of the conduct of the three men, but a general denunciation of the methods employed by organized labor.

In his opinion, Justice Wright characterized the various utterances of the defendants, with respect to the court, as "utter, rampant, insolent, defiance, unrefined insult, coarse, affront, with a vulgar indignity."

The decision says in part: "When, with the parties to this cause in attendance, the dispute heard and the status of the subject of the controversy examined into the inhibitory process of the tribunal issued forth, it was the law's command to stand hands off until justice for this matter can be ascertained. Is not law wide enough and its shield broad enough to avert for annihilation that which its tribunals have taken in hand, for the very sake of decreeing whether it shall not be saved? Yet everywhere, all over within the court and out, utter, rampant, insolent defiance is heralded, and proclaimed, unrefined insult, coarse affront, vulgar indignity measures the litigants' conception of the tribunal's due, wherein its cause still stands. Before the injunction was granted, these men announced that neither they nor the American Federation of Labor would obey it; since it issued they have refused to obey it; and through the American Federation of Labor disobedience has successfully achieved, and the law has been made to fail; not only has the law failed in its effort to arrest a widespread wrong, but the injury has grown more destructive since the injunction than it was before. There is a studied, determined, defiant conflict precipitated in the light of open day, between the decrees of a tribunal ordained by the government of the Federal Union, and of the tribunals of another federal union grown up in the land; one or the other must succumb, for those who would unlawfully the land and public enemies. On the sociological aspect of the situation, some faith in the ultimate rightness of American men whether in labor unions or not, is to be entertained; for I believe that the habit of the land which nurtures them with a readiness to yield to authority has undone them before now, through the errors of misguiding leaders swollen by pigmy power; it stands in the nature of things that the unlettered too often shows itself in their modest affairs although a higher may exist to which their attention is not every moment directed by some interference with them but to which they stand ready to adhere upon the moment that shows them that the lesson authority was in mistake, or leading them wrong. It is written in this record that the labor unions and its officers meddle into a member's daily affairs deeper than does the law; restrict him in matters that the law leaves free; and then so continually crowd their authority upon his attention, that irrespectably he comes to regard them as of control in his affairs; this fact that he regards them as authority, leads him to heed them, because of his readiness to yield to authority; his very respect for authority assumes that all authority is respectable; and so upon them he relies, by them he is led. What knows the worker in Texas, Florida, Maine and Oregon of the merits of the original controversy of thirty-six metal polishers in Missouri?"

At the conclusion of his decision, Justice Wright said: "It would seem not inappropriate for such a penalty as will serve to deter others from following after such outlawed examples; will serve physically to impose obedience, even though late; will serve to vindicate the orderly power of judicial tribunals, and establish over this litigation the supremacy of law."

He thereupon pronounced the sentences. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, after their sentence, gave notice of appeal to the District Court of Appeals, and were released on bonds of \$5,000, \$4,000 and \$3,000 respectively.

The case grew out of the publication in the American Federationist, in its unfair list, of the name of the Bucks Store and Range Company, of St. Louis, against which the union men had a grievance. Counsel for the company secured an injunction against Mr. Gompers and his associates, to prevent any further such references. After Justice Gould had issued the injunction, although the name was dropped from the "unfair list," Mr. Gompers made repeated references to the case in the magazine and in public speeches, in which he criticized the court, and declared his willingness to go to jail, if necessary, rather than keep silent on what he believed to be an invasion of the rights of organized labor.

In the crowded court room were a host of labor leaders and employees of the American Federation of Labor. Mrs. Gompers and her daughter sat throughout the proceedings with Mrs. Valesh, one of the prominent woman labor leaders of the federation. Mr. Gompers when directed to stand up declared that he had never violated any law and continuing said:

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Indianspolis, Dec. 23.—The United Mine Workers of America, of which John Mitchell is a retired president, is planning to take quick, radical action in regard to the judgment of the Washington judge who today sentenced Mitchell to jail. The miners' headquarters bulletined the fact to the district officers in the absence of President Lewis.

Secretary-Treasurer Ryan has taken the matter in charge. Mr. Ryan, for his organization, today sent this telegram to President Roosevelt: "As an official of the United Mine Workers of America, I emphatically protest against the court decision sending Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison to jail. I know of no law that has been violated by Gompers or Morrison in connection with the case in question and I am positive that Mitchell is absolutely innocent."

Cleveland, O., Dec. 23.—"I predict that none of them will ever serve a single day of their sentence," said Grand Master P. H. Morrissey, of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen today when informed of the decision against the officers of the American Federation of Labor.

SECTION REPEALED.

The ordinance recently passed by the City Council repealing section 4, of chapter 19, of the city code, has become a law without the signature of Mayor P. F. The ordinance was submitted to his honor after having been signed by the presidents of the two boards and attested by the clerk of the City Council. He, however, failed to affix his signature, and under the law, the ordinance becomes operative without it. The section repealed is in reference to the powers of the Board of Health, and is as follows:

The board of health are hereby empowered to order the removal of all persons sick or afflicted with any contagious disease, to some safe and proper place within the jurisdiction of the corporation, when in their opinion public safety and the health of the city require the same; to rent a suitable place for their comfort and accommodation; to consult the physician for the poor to hire nurses and provide necessary for such as are in indigent circumstances and unable to pay for the same.

DIED.

December 22, 1908, at 3 p. m. Mrs. LAURA WALKER, daughter of William and Elizabeth Herbert, at an advanced age. Funeral from B. Whistley's undertaking parlor at 3:30 p. m. tomorrow (Thursday). Relatives and friends invited.

Official.

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL SECTION 4 OF CHAPTER XIX OF THE CITY LAWS, RELATIVE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia, that Section 4, Chapter 19, of the acts of the City Council of Alexandria approved March 30, 1874, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in force from its passage.

Passed the Common Council Dec. 8, 1908.

HUBERT SNOWDEN, President.

Passed the Board of Aldermen, Dec. 8, 1908.

J. B. N. CURTIN, President.

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Coupon.

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Conserved Cherries

Florida Guava Jelly

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Calves' Feet "

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Stuffed Figs, in glass

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